

House Resolution No. 3126

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of those individuals who have longstanding ties to the Show-Me State; and

Whereas, Major General Leroy Barnidge, Jr., of the United States Air Force has developed and maintained a reputation for excellence during his thirty-two years on active duty as a military officer, an important leadership undertaking which he will draw to a close on June 11, 2003, in well-deserved retirement; and

Whereas, while holding the rank of Brigadier General, Leroy Barnidge served as Commander of the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri where he was named 1999 Outstanding Wing Commander in the Air Combat Command; and

Whereas, a Command Pilot with nearly 3,000 flight hours in B-2, B-1B, B-52G, OV-10, T-38, and T-37 aircraft, General Barnidge currently is Director, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Headquarters United States Air Force, in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, in his stellar role as Director, General Barnidge is a knowledgeable link between the Air Force and the Congress on issues such as weapons systems, programs, and legislative and constituent inquiries; and

Whereas, commissioned as a Second Lieutenant through ROTC in 1971, General Barnidge has held a variety of operations and maintenance assignments, including major command and Joint Staff billets, aircrew operations, training, flight-line maintenance, and combat support activities; and

Whereas, General Barnidge has received a Defense Superior Service Medal, a Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, a Distinguished Flying Cross, a Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, an Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters, and an Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute General Barnidge and his wife, Sandy, and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations for his many achievements during more than three decades on active duty and our best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Major General Leroy Barnidge, Jr., of the United States Air Force.

Offered by _____
Representative David Pearce
District No. 121

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3126, adopted May 29, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker